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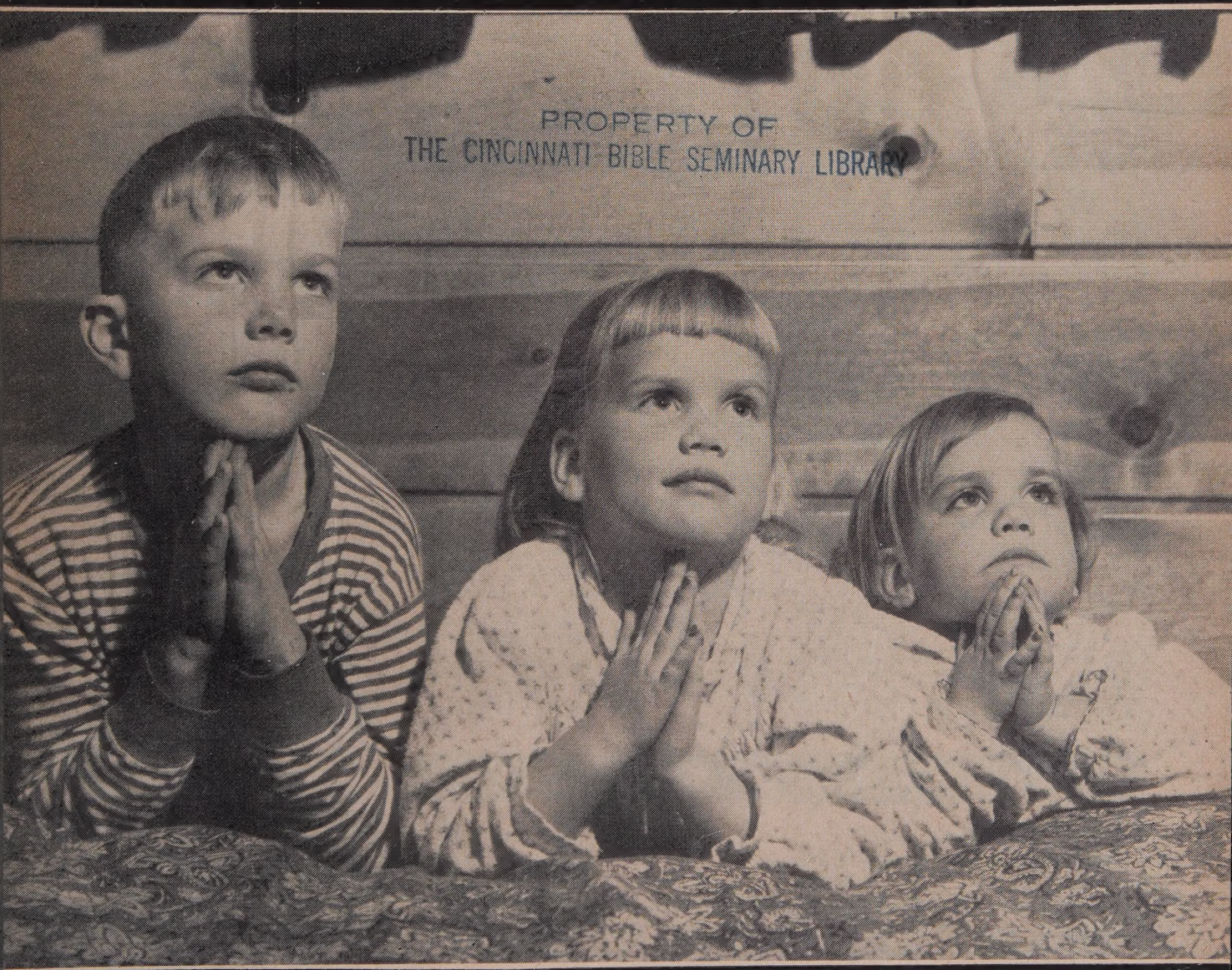

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OFFICIAL NAE ORGAN

Readers Say—

Post-Easter Heresy

To the Editor:

In a post-Easter message to members and friends of First Congregational Church, Madison, Wis., Rev. Wallace V. Ault, associate minister, makes it clear that he believes neither the resurrection nor ascension accounts in the New Testament. Since this message is published in *The Church Tower*, news letter of the church, circulated by second class mail, the minister's views are subject to public discussion. He wrote in part in issue dated April 28:

"Some of us, like Peter, may uncritically accept the notion of a physical resurrection: that God raised up 'Jesus.' (This is the fashionable theory again today, if we are to believe the Easter issue of *Life* magazine.) Others of us are more like doubting Thomas, who cannot honestly accept the notion of a re-animated corpse, and want a little more scientific evidence . . . .

"We don't know just what happened to the body of Jesus. . . ."

The Easter story, told in many thousands of Churches only a week before the date of this writing, explains why the body was not found in the tomb. The final "disposition" of the body is told in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9. According to these accounts, the prophecy foretold in both Testaments was fulfilled; Jesus ascended "into heaven" to sit at the right hand of God.

If either or both of these accounts are false, then Jesus Christ is not the pre-existent Son of God and the promises he made while on earth are worthless; both written and spoken words of followers of an invaid religion are sheer mummery.

VERNE P. KAUB

Madison Wisc.

"Slip in the Night"

To the Editor:

One of our Conservative Baptist pastors has called my attention to an advertisement appearing on page 14 of the April 15 issue of *Action* magazine on behalf of "The Upper Room." Entitled "Finding God," this advertisement presents a series of devotional booklets, one of which is "Meeting God through the Bible" by Nels F. S. Ferre. It is my personal opinion, as well as that of the concerned pastor who brought this to my attention, and most other Conservative Baptists, that Nels Ferre is a blasphemer of the rankest sort. To carry an advertisement promoting his writings would seem to be in direct contradiction to the NAE Statement of Faith, Item 3, and NAE's claim to "cooperation without compromise." I am very much concerned over the fact that Ferre is promoted through your magazine. What have you to say about this?

K. C. KNAPPEN

Chicago, Ill.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The advertising of The Upper Room is usually acceptable to evangelicals and we are glad to carry it in our columns. We do not, however, approve of the doctrinal views of Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre and have had occasion to so state in our columns. A man who so lightly esteems the Holy Scriptures is incapable of doing justice to a theme such as "Meeting God through the Bible." We regret that we overlooked the fact that Ferre's name was listed in the advertisement under question. We shall be increasingly alert to recommend only trustworthy writers and literature in our columns. Be assured that we are whole heartedly committed to the fundamentals of the Christian faith and "cooperation without compromise."]

Labor Practices

To the Editor:

I should like to add a few cases in point to the testimony of our brother from Peoria, Ill., (*Action*, May 1) regarding "The Christian and Labor Unions."

As a workman I have suffered the "economic strangulation" of our government-pampered labor rackets. By the grace of God I have kept working, though often denied the privilege of employment on Federal, State and City projects for which I am taxed. The union gestapo constantly "shield" industry from all those who claim their free right to work. In Los Angeles probably no less than a hundred goons comb the entire area every Saturday enforcing the totalitarian edicts of organized labor.

As a foreman I have experienced ruthless raids upon jobs they close down by sending all union men home.

As a contractor, I have experienced the "shake down" for "donations" and have been forced to obtain building permits in owners' names to avoid being harassed by the rackets.

There is little or no aid or comfort given the non-union man. Our so-called "protectors" in government are impotent and helpless in the face of the general attitude of selfish expediency. All this in the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

(Name withheld on request)

Los Angeles, Calif.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO—June is children's month in the church calendar. It begins with the observance of "Children's Day." Daily Vacation Bible Schools by the thousands open in almost every community throughout the nation. Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Camp Fire Girls activities come to the fore. Christian camps and conferences have their appeal. June is a month rich with opportunity to touch young life for Christ. —*RNS Photo.*

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2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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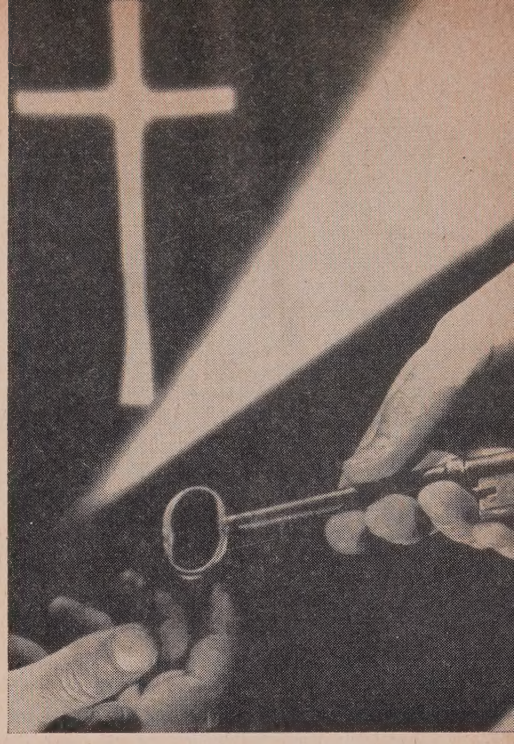
SALVATION THROUGH SELF-REALIZATION

Observations on the popular doctrine which is basic to modern psychological Christianity



ROBERT JAMES ST. CLAIR

THE SWING to orthodoxy in America was short-lived. We are now entering a period which might be called the age of psychological Christianity. Its fundamental tenet is salvation through self-realization. With increasing frequency pastors are following a course of undiscriminating acceptance and religious interpretation of the concepts of psychotherapy and psychology.

This trend has deep roots and is nourished from various converging sources. Since Schleiermacher's work in Germany many theologians conceived of interpreting religious terms as symbols experience. Abnormal psychology shed light on the "sins" of human behavior that resulted from anxiety, and Tillich insisted there is an "existential anxiety" which infects us all. Both Kierkegaard and Niebuhr considered more specifically how pride and selfishness were "sinful" attempts to cope with basic universal anxiety.

It remained, however, for Karen Horney and Carl R. Rogers, both psychotherapists, to promulgate the doctrine of self-realization in a manner which caused a wide sweep of acceptance by Protestant pastors. This is noteworthy, because so much of what the theologians are saying is transmitted in the stratosphere high above the pastors and church members, but self-realization has taken hold in sermons and counseling.

Horney noted that victims of basic anxiety in childhood build a facade of defenses in their personalities around the core of an "idealized image." The person is alienated from himself. He needs to be restored to his true self. Self-realization insures the development of his basic self. She states:

"Lastly, the problem of morality is again different when we believe that inherent in man are evolutionary constructive forces, which urge him to realize his given potentialities. This belief does not mean that man is essentially good—which would presuppose a given knowledge of what is good or bad. It seems that man, by his very nature and of his own accord, strives toward self-realization, and that his set of values evolves from such striving. Apparently, he cannot, for example, develop his full human potentialities unless he is truthful to himself; unless he is active and productive; unless he relates himself to others in the spirit of mutuality. Apparently he cannot grow if he indulges in a 'dark idolatry of self' (Shelley) and consistently attributes all his own shortcomings to the deficiencies of others. He can grow, in the true sense, only if he assumes responsibility for himself" (*Neurosis and Human Growth*).

This is not basically new. Otto Rank has said:

"Real psychotherapy is not concerned primarily with adaption to any kind of reality, but with the adjustment of the patient to himself, that is, with the acceptance of his own individuality or that part of his personality which he has formerly denied."

Dr. Frederick Allen puts it this way: "The therapeutic experience is an episode in the journey of some children toward realization of the potentialities that lie within themselves."

Pastors became infatuated with the therapeutic method of Dr. Rogers of Chicago University. In this method it is not necessary for the counselor to have accurate psychological insight into the patient's malady. The therapist or pastor enters into the feelings behind the patient's statements. The attitude and statements of the counsellor reflect complete acceptance of the patient without teaching, encouragement, judgment or advice. After a number of sessions the patient feels the courage to face his problem and his guilt. He becomes constructive in his thinking. Acording to Rogers, healing is not insight, but the setting off of a chain of constructive interpersonal relationships.

Dr. Frederick Thorne by his methods of "directive counseling" (as opposed to the non-directive method of Rogers) points out that re-education and re-training of the counselee, based on the knowledge and skill of the clinician, are often necessary. But pastors lack this training, and liberal ministers with humanistic orientation especially prefer the implications of non-directive therapy for their doctrine of man. As Rogers and Russell Becker wrote:

"This orientation is one of fundamental belief in the worth, dignity, and significance of each individual. For purpose of counseling this orientation means that the counselor acts on the hypothesis that each person has the capacity to understand himself and his problems and to initiate change in the direction of psychological growth and maturity, providing he is treated as a person of worth and significance" (*The Best of Pastoral Psychology*).

At present there is a cascade of literature defining the respective areas of psychology and religion and interpreting the concepts of each in the other's terminology. Martin Buber asserts that life consists in striving to become what one fundamentally is, and each man needs the help of his fellows in the I-Thou relationship in realizing his own uniqueness. Many writers state

that "acceptance" in psychology is the same as justification; the "love of God" serves the same "purpose" as the therapist's non-judgmental receptivity; repentance is the "repudiation or exclusion of the unacceptable impulse" (Prof. Oren H. Baker), and salvation consists in permitting the dynamic Power within us to restore our true nature to the core of personality. We are often reminded that the prodigal son saw his folly when he "came to himself."

Evangelicals must evaluate the literature in psychotherapy and pastoral counseling carefully. We are not aided at all when fundamentalist writers precipitately dispose of this entire secular discipline by such references as "godless, materialistic psychology." Partially this is done because psychologists cannot produce a little man in the heart pulling the strings of personality (the soul!), or psychology is accused of advocating moral license, or is confused with Freudianism. Psychiatry is a branch of medicine which seeks to cure specific ills. Dr. George Christian Anderson has this apt comment:

"For those who feel that the grace of God is all-sufficient to heal and that the church has this power regardless of what psychiatry has to offer, it must be pointed out that the grace of God in healing comes in a specific, relevant way. God always heals in the relevant way. There is no reason why we should discard the scientific techniques of psychiatry which can help heal the mind, any more than we should discard the scientific bone-setting apparatus which helps heal the skeletal framework (*Pastoral Psychology,* September, 1956).

Christians who suppose that neuroses are automatically cured in the new birth believe in a myth. I have observed deeply Christian and devoted pastors who were splitting their churches because of unconscious conflicts and neurotic trends which made them suspicious and hostile against the very souls they should have been helping. It is a fallacy to reduce all the ills of Christ's people to a few alleged causes in order to apply doctrines and warnings which may be harmful because they are positively irrelevant. A knowledge of basic truth as it relates to anxiety and human conflicts, together with skillful usage of the best techniques of pastoral counseling, is a tool which any pastor can consecrate to the Lord Jesus Christ in seeking to be a more effective minister. Furthermore, such a minister can recognize symptoms which call for the services of a competent psychiatrist.

On the other hand, Protestant pastors must always weigh carefully, think clearly, and pray diligently. Tragic consequences will follow this discernible trend of equating the doctrine of self-realization with spiritual rebirth. The Church would succumb to a devastating error often made in the psychology of normal development, that is, too readily adopting terms of abnormal psychology in constructing pat theories for the study of normal personality. Trends in abnormal processes often permit of wide generalization. Symptoms are frequently quite definable. But the course of development of the so-called normal person can lead in so many creative directions that accurate explanatory theories hardly do justice to the human personality. In the spiritual realm it is an illusion to suppose that psychotherapeutic events parallel so closely the events of spiritual rebirth that for all intents and purposes they may be identified as essentially the same. Certain elements in the course of non-directive therapy may be traced quite nicely over a wide range of subjects. To trace similar elements in conversion expierences, and then identify them as fundamentally the same realm of reality in the hope of formulating a psychological aproach to theology, is to favor synthesis at the most superficial level, and shut the door to an appreciation of the profound psychological concomitants of Divine-human interaction.

The truth we must never ignore is that treatment by psychotherapy and the consequent ability to constructively organize one's life experiences does not mean a converted person is the result. It does not follow that the dynamic desire latent in man to realize his potentialities despite perversions is the same as the power of God in the new birth. It does not follow that the discernible recognition of a pernicious unconscious trend in one's own personality is essentially the same as confession of one's own sinful nature.

In psychotherapy relapses are not uncommon because character debris has been cleared but souls thereafter did not find that reconciliation to the Creator which inspires, guides, enlightens and comforts the whole man. Man was created for the glory of a sovereign God. He may be a healthy man. He may be quite well adjusted to himself and fairly happy. But if his total personality is not rooted in God by utter yieldedness to the God-man Jesus Christ, he has not found his purpose in living. He is lost. After all, we must start with the basic facts concerning God. If God is the transcendent, sovereign and personal Creator, then man's potentialities must be measured by the will of God, and his true potentialities must be realized by the power of God. The means whereby each one of us can know and do God's will involves an introduction into the realm of Truth which is revealed and received through the Holy Spirit. And who is prepared to say that the establishment of creative rapport with a counselor is the same as receiving the Holy Spirit? And since client-centered therapy never instructs patients in matters of morals or a life-philosophy, who will assert that catharsis and release guarantee that the patient will "glorify God and enjoy Him forever"?

One has only to peruse the sermon topics to see how many ministers are now conceiving of God as a smiling, professional Counselor who exists to dole out psychic aspirins. "God Can Cure Your Droopy Feelings," "Do You Ever Feel Life Is Blah?" "Divine Aid for Those Mid-morning Blues," and "Heaven's Answer for Your Insomnia." There is a threefold danger. The man in the pew begins to feel that the removal of all aches and pains is God's method for achieving true self-realization. Secondly, if he truly suffers from psychic disturbances and crippling anxiety he is irritated by the superficial cook-book recipes in the sermon, the first one of which begins: "Sit comfortably in a chair and let your head roll around on your shoulders while you let God-thoughts soak into your consciousness." Thirdly, if he is an efficient and contented person, but has never entered into a redemptive relationship with Christ Jesus, he may feel that the Church is a clinic for irritable and unsuccessful people, and he has no particular need for its aid. The Church not only has a relevant, but an urgent message for those who feel no guilt and are quite secure in their own private value judgments. The Holy Spirit will create guilt where none existed in order that the highest possible self as envisaged by God may be realized. It is not the Creator's will that anyone be satisfied with less a person than the love of God wants him to be and the power of God can make him.

A wide avenue for the understanding of unique personalities and their problems stands before the Church, and psychology is making gratifying contributions. Tools for better preaching and effective counseling are being placed in the pastor's hands. The Church is gaining a renewed evaluation of the complexity of human nature and is making its message and its strength more pertinent to the real needs of people. *But the Church's leaders must place scientific contributions under the searching light of the Bible.* Any scientific truth is especially welcome when it aids us in efficaciously serving Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The Ethics of Expediency

ERIC PAULSON

DURING periods of great theological controversy, from the days of Augustine until the present, defenders of the orthodox faith have been driven to restudy the New Testament epistles which deal primarily with doctrinal issues. As a consequence such books as Romans and Galatians have been carefully reviewed during the recent doctrinal defection, as they have been in the critical days of the early church and in the Protestant Reformation period. Once again they furnished effective weapons to the exponents of historic Christianity, and account in large measure for the Church's emergence from the pale and sterile "liberalism" of the early decades of this century.

In contrast to the serious study given these particular epistles of Paul, the book of James and also others dealing mainly with Christian conduct have not received the amount of attention they have merited. One outcome of such neglect has been a distinct lowering of ethical and moral standards, even among professing Christians. Since the validity of Christianity can not be maintained without lofty ethical standards and moral practices, the church must face this problem courageously if it expects to exert the spiritual power and moral suasion needed in the present hour.

Those seeking to account for the virility and strength of early Christianity offer many reasons for its phenomenal growth. Some claim that these were due to its very close personal link with historic events at the heart of the Christian message, to the presence of especially trained men who have seen and conversed with the risen Lord, or to the fresh influx of power that the church received at Pentecost.

Yet another dominant factor in the life of the primitive church was its practice of adhering closely to the ethical standards laid down by the Lord and the apostles. While ethical teachings permeate all New Testament writings, it was under the wise leadership of James, known as the Just, that basic standards of Christian conduct were evolved. The epistle that bears his name surely makes this clear. The first two chapters of this epistle prove that an adequate understanding and acceptance of Christian truth must result in humility and brotherliness of spirit. The writer, too, sets a proper example by referring to himself, not as the bishop of the church, but as the bond-servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. He laid no claims to special honor or prerogatives by virtue of his office or because of his blood relation to the Saviour. Here then we discover the principles of morality upon which Christian democracy rests, for in the true Christian community no place is found for caste or class. James not only insists on the practice of social equality within the church, but he lays down sound principles for economic democracy in the last chapter, where he warns the rich concerning covetous practices that deprive their laborers of their rightful living.

One of the strange happenings of our time has been the breakdown of basic morality despite the fact that many who had rejected Christian doctrine still claimed to hold to the ethics of Christ. The "liberal" of two or three decades ago showed little patience with those who insisted on the importance of proper beliefs concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ. Yet when historians of the future appraise the assets and liabilities of the great theological controversy of this period they will discern some strange relationships. The ethical standards of the liberal theologian failed to survive because they rested on a sentimental rather than a factual foundation. At the same time many conservative theologians, seeking to prove and maintain their creedal positions on logical rather than moral grounds, were producing little by way of Christian character.

The seriousness of the moral problems which face our present generation are too well known to require documentation. But how does the Church measure up to the needs of the present hour? Referring to the current investigation by the United States Senate of racketeering in certain labor circles, Drew Pearson stated that problems of this kind could be solved by legislation, but that the churches of America ought to concern themselves about such evils. However, those looking to the organized church for a solution may be sadly disillusioned. Although church bodies often voice strong protests and pass lofty resolutions dealing with social wrongs confronting the nation, the practice of common honesty and basic morality are not nearly as evident in the proceedings of church courts or local congregations. With the ever-increasing emphasis given to organizational efficiency on all levels of church life it is not strange that some of the common virtues, deemed essential to the Christian life in the eyes of Jesus and others of the Apostles, are being largely lost sight of. It is noteworthy that, after the Apostle Paul in Romans had developed his great doctrinal truths concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ, he devoted the remaining chapters to the clarification of the moral and ethical standards that are to be in evidence within the Christian community. Doubtless he did this because he knew that the precious truths of the Gospel would be made known throughout the world, not only by preaching and teaching, but even more by the irreproachable lives of those professing the Christian faith. Any one reading the last five chapters of this epistle with a fair degree of discernment will readily note how great value the Apostle places upon such common virtues as unworldliness, humility, honesty and unselfish concern for others. Paul leaves no room for the practice of expediencies either for the purpose of making the Christian life easier for the individual or for the sake of insuring efficiency of operation within the organized church. Close observers of ecclesiastical life and procedures know too well how far into the background the standards of James and Paul have been relegated by the exponents of the ethics of expediency. Do most men seeking high positions in the church do so from a humble desire to serve God and their fellow men? Anyone who has witnessed the intense jockeying for positions of advantage and preferment within the councils of modern Protestantism knows that this is merely posing an idle question. The alacrity with which both pastors and people woo wealthy families hardly complies with James' exhortation not to respect persons for the sake of personal advantage.

Because of facts like these, large sections of informed and observant people in America have come to regard Christianity as trivial and irrelevant. Such conditions call indeed for strong prophetic voices. Only when the fear of God has become all-consuming will the fear of men be entirely banished from the consciousness of such prophetic preachers. How we need to hear the voice of another James saying: "Ye adulteresses (who break your marriage vows to God), know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God."

Tensions in Colombia

The Roman Catholic Church in Colombia is wading waist-deep in politics, just as it did in Argentina a few months ago. This is not to say that all the factors now present in Colombia are identical with those of the Argentine situation, but it is similarly the presidency which is at stake.

The Catholic hierarchy in Colombia has thrown its weight behind Guillermo Leon Valencia who has been tentatively scheduled as the joint Liberal-Conservative candidate in opposition to the present Colombian dictator, Rojas Pinilla. This position of the hierarchy was reportedly cleared from the Vatican.

Cardinal Luque, head of the Colombian hierarchy reportedly intervened in behalf of Leon Valencia when President Rojas ordered that he be forcibly taken from a house in Cali and that he be held in custody at his home in Popayan.

President Rojas had been seeking an immediate election by his hand-picked Constituent Assemly, as a sort of vote of confidence. It had been scheduled for the first of May. However, as he began to move in this direction it became obvious that he was facing the opposition of the Catholc hierarchy and that he had lost much of his support in the Army. The position as President has stood largely on support of the Catholic Church and the Army.

LATE NEWS REPORT — President Rojas Pinilla has been deposed. The new Colombian government is in the hands of a military junta. Most civil rights have been restored, but to date there is no indication that complete religious freedom will be extended to the Colombian Protestant minority. Further details in next issue.

In June 1953, when General Rojas seized the country in a bloodless coup, evangelicals had great hopes that a period of true freedom would be ushered in. It soon became evident, however, that Rojas would have to curry the favor of the Colombian hierarchy in order to stay in office.

Meanwhole Colombia has been faced with serious economic problems. This adds to the tension. Some observers in Colombia think that a change could come at any time, within weeks or even days.

Airline Safety

If the bills to ban the service of aerial alcohol are to get any attention in this session of Congress, they will need a push from the public. The key to the situation in the House is Congressman John Bell Williams of Mississippi, who has reportedly decided that he would rather push his air safety bill next year, election year.

Meanwhile the air alcohol measure in the Senate (Bill S. 4 sponsored by Senator Strom Thurmond of S. C.) has been considered on at least two occasions in closed sessions of the Senate Inter-state Commerce Committee. When the Senate Committee was about to vote down the bill, Senator Thurmond moved that it be referred to a subcommittee. Net result: The Senate bill to ban air alcohol is now bottled up in a subcommittee of which Senator Mike Monroney of Oklahoma is chairman.

Enough public pressure would certainly get things moving on these bills. They are primarily air safety measures, not temperance measures. However, the recognition of the serious effects of alcohol, which is common to other temperance measures, is basic to the passage of these bills.

Letters from the people back home are needed—needed badly—needed now. Air travel is increasing rapidly. Every possible provision for air safety is essential. But if the bills are to be enacted they will need immediate public support.

Remember this: A bill to ban air alcohol passed the House overwhelmingly last year, but that was during the last days of Congress. It was late enough so that Senator Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Inter-state Committee, was able to keep the bill from getting any attention on the Senate side.

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Lincoln Square Compromise?

Federal officials in Washington and Robert Moses, New York's slum clearance chairman, have reportedly reached an agreement on the amount of funds to be allotted for the Lincoln Square Project. This project would include an entirely new campus for Fordham University, the top Roman Catholic school of higher education in New York City. Whether certain parts of the over-all project would be limited in light of recent federal budget cuts was not certain.

Arrangements for the inclusion of the new Fordham campus have been retained in the program in spite of the fact that they clash directly with the New York State Constitution. The state Constitution prohibits the use of city funds "directly or indirectly, in aid or maintenance . . . of any school or institution of learning wholly or in part under the control or direction of any religious denomination, or in which a denominational tenet or doctrine is taught."

Under present plans Fordham University would be the beneficiary of more than $4,000,000 of federal and city funds which would be used to acquire land for which the university would pay about a quarter of the cost.

However, there has been considerable feeling in Washington that New York City is receiving a disproportionate amount of funds for slum clearance. Thus the New York projects have been brought into the cross-fire of government budget cuts. Federal officials had indicated that they would not be able to sink more than $27 million in the Lincoln Square project. Robert Moses was seeking a federal contribution of $42 million.

After a meeting in Washington recently, it was announced that an "understanding" had been reached. But no announcement was made as to the nature of the agreement.

Federal Aid to Colleges

The Catholic-Jewish political coalition in New York City is producing some strange bedfellows, and some even stranger positions in the field of church-state relations. Jewish politicians, who are normally strongly opposed to the use of public funds for sectarian benefits, are openly taking the lead in pushing government aid for sectarian projects.

The latest development is that New York's Jewish Senator, Jacob K. Javits, has suggested a program of federal aid to "public and private colleges." He said that such assistance is needed to meet the coming "inundation demand on their facilities."

Senator Javits made these statements at a regional conference of the President's Committee on Education Beyond High School, which met in New York last month.

At the same conference the Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, president of Fordham University, proposed an independent survey financed by the federal government to determine the problems and needs in the field of higher education and to formulate "a long-range policy" under the present "general welfare" program.

Rather obviously it is the intent of the Catholic Church to capture federal support for Catholic-controlled schools of higher education. It is interesting, however, that some of the main support for moves in this direction comes from Jewish politicians who know how much Catholic support can count in a New York City election.

Kelly Statements

Washington reactions to the "Catholic ban on Billy Graham" were interesting, to say the least. One top-level government official was known to ask immediately, "Do we have religious liberty in this country, or don't we?"

The warning that Catholics should not attend the Graham rallies in New York came from Rev. John E. Kelly, public information director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference which has its headquarters in an imposing 8-story structure here in the nation's capital.

Father Kelly had only recently written Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE representative in Washington, denying certain statements of an incident of persecution of Protestants in Colombia. Dr. Taylor had replied giving a full account of the incident to which he had referred in a Los Angeles address. The misunderstanding of the incident had derived from erroneous reporting of Dr. Taylor's address by a National Catholic reporter on the West Coast.

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

Labor on Trial

■ LABOR UNION CORRUPTION is in the headlines these days and is a matter of deep concern to the moral forces of the nation. Dave Beck of the Teamsters Union has become a glaring example of improper, immoral and irresponsible practices in American labor organizations.

We are confident that most American labor organizations are reasonably honest and have the welfare of their members at heart, but grave doubts are nevertheless certain to be created in the minds of thinking people unless Labor itself does something drastic to clean up the blots now revealed on its escutcheon.

The AFL-CIO executive council has the Beck matter under consideration and may go as far as expelling him or his union from membership and revoking the organization's international charter. At present it appears that the federation is waiting and hoping that the Teamsters themselves will remove Beck and his aides and clean up their union.

It is interesting to note that a recent survey, by *New York Times* correspondents, of rank-and-file, "man-on-the-truck" members of the union, revealed that a disconcertingly large number were committed to a "fast-buck" philosophy that has no regard for morality. These men said: "Everybody is out to get what he can. Let the big boys fight it out on their own. I'm doing all right"; "I pay my dues and I do my day's work. It's none of my business about Dave Beck"; "The union has done all right by me. I'm not interested in any of this stuff about Dave Beck."

This shocking lack of any sense of morality or any moral responsibility for union policies or practices not only makes it difficult to clean up the Teamster Union, but poses a problem for government investigators and legislators. The morals of a democracy are only as high as those of the citizens who compose it. The day that Christian morality becomes the view of a hopeless minority in America, will be the day of America's doom.

If Labor in the USA has a moral conscience, now is the time for it to exert itself in its unions or lose the respect of the moral forces of the nation.

In the Beginning

■ MADISON SQUARE GARDEN has been ringing for some days now with Billy Graham's "the Bible says" and "Christ is the only answer." Great audiences have been hearing the Gospel of Christ. Sin is fearlessly being called by its right names and sinners are flocking to the Saviour.

We trust that this is but the beginning of a revival that, through the prayers of millions, may sweep not only New York but the nation. By faith every evangelical believes that a great spiritual awakening is going to come to America. We hope and pray that the Spirit of God may greatly use the New York Crusade to this end.

We shall keep our readers apprised of the progress of the Crusade. Meanwhile, let evangelicals everywhere continue to pray earnestly that the preaching of the Word may be greatly blessed in the salvation of souls, in the cleansing of the churches, and to the glory of God.

Sinister Ties

■ CHINA'S RED LEADERS are, by and large, highly educated men. They have many friends among American educators. So close is this relationship that it well explains the friendliness toward Red China in high places in American government, colleges and universities, and even in some ecclesiastical bodies.

At least five top Communist Party leaders who are helping rule China today attended universities in the United States. They include Chang Wen-Tien, a student of science at the University of California in 1921-23, who is now Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and a member of the high-ranking Chinese Red Politburo. Peiping's chief party propagandist, Lu Ting-Lee, attended Columbia University. Columbia also trained Lo Lung-Chi, who won a doctorate in political science in 1928. Lo is now a state minister and a member of the Powerful Party standing committee. A product of both Yale and Columbia is Ma Yin-Ch'u, president of Peiping University and a member of the ruling clique in the National People's Congress. Chang Hsi-Jo, Minister of Education, also studied in the USA, but available records do not list the school.

Other prominent Communists, such as Wang Chia-Hsiang, vice Foreign Minister and Li Teh-Chuan, state minister, received their education in American missionary schools in China. It is a well-known fact that many American professors who went out to China under missionary boards of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal, Disciples and Congregational churches were left-wing Socialists who gloried in the fact that they were far more free to disseminate their "social gospel" views in China than in America.

It would be interesting to know how largely the "social gospel" as taught by left-wing socialists in American church colleges and Marxism and Fabianism in our secular universities have contributed to the Red menace in China. We need to beware lest these same influences break down our resistance of recognition for this ruthless totalitarian state.

Nationalism Not a Sin

■ NATIONALISM is not a sin, despite the insidious and traitorous propaganda that the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches are promoting among our American youth.

The WCC Committee on Christian Responsibility for European Cooperation says, "At no time has nationalism been a Christian virtue." Another group is on record as saying, "Next to the worship of money, nationalism is the most exacting and the most anti-Christian of the pagan religions of our time." But the Bible both recognizes the necessity for and gives divine approval of nationalism.

We would all agree that Christ and the Church should come first in the lives of all true Christians, but this United Nations One-Worldism that leftist Council leaders are advocating as almost synonymous with the Kingdom of God is both heretical and traitorous.

If the members of our American churches permit such propaganda to continue, it will not be long until there will be no United States of America.

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Crime Rate Sets Record in 1956

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)— J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reported here that 1956 was the worst year on record for crime.

He disclosed, in the FBI's annual "Uniform Crime Report," that offenses known to the police numbered 2,563,150 last year, more than 300,000 over 1955. The 13.3 per cent increase was the largest ever recorded for a single year. It brought the crime rate to 43 per cent higher than in 1950.

Mr. Hoover said larcenies increased 16.7 per cent, auto thefts 16.1 per cent, rapes 6.3 per cent and murders 1.8 per cent.

The 1956 crime rate was 1,533 per 100,000 population compared with 1,187 in 1950. The rate increased four times faster than the population, which rose 11 per cent during the same period.

A total of 6,970 Americans were murdered in 1956, the FBI director said, an increase of 120 over the record set in 1955. In addition 5,650 other Americans met violent deaths through negligent manslaughter. A majority of the latter were killed as a result of traffic accidents "due to the gross negligence of someone other than the victim," Mr. Hoover said.

There were 20,300 victims of rape, an increase of 1,200 over the previous year.

Direct property loss from robberies, burglaries and theft totalled an estimated $440 million, the FBI reported.

Greatest crime increase occurred in cities of 10,000 to 25,000 population—more than 19 per cent. The increase in cities of 1,000,000 population or more amounted to only 7 per cent.

Only three states, Alabama, Utah, and Wyoming, reported a reduction in crime. By geographic areas, the crime wave was worst in the Pacific states where an increase of nearly 20 per cent was recorded, but New England followed closely with 18.5 per cent.

Lowest crime rate in the nation was found in Vermont, closely followed by North and South Dakota. Highest rate for crimes of violence was in the South, with Georgia having the highest homicide rate. Greatest overall crime rate was in Michigan.

Juvenile delinquency increased nearly 20 per cent in 1956 over the previous year, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported here. He said 1956 was the worst year for juvenile crime in the 26 years the FBI has been compiling national reports on police arrests.

A total of 234,474 children under 18 were arrested in 1956. They were charged with crimes ranging from murder to petty larceny. There were nearly 39,000 more arrests last year than in 1955.

Of juveniles who came into contact with the police, more than 40 per cent had not yet reached their 15th birthday.

More than 3,000 of these young people were arrested for homicide, rape, or assault with a deadly weapon.

Youths under 18 represented almost two-thirds of all offenders arrested for auto theft, 50 per cent of those arrested for larceny, 53 per cent of those arrested for burglary, and 24 per cent of those arrested for armed robbery.

Some 139 juveniles were charged with murder in 1956, compared with 94 in 1955. A total of 840 were arrested for rape, 1,971 for aggravated assault, and 5,580 for other assaults. Two hundred and ninety-seven were arrested for narcotics law violations, compared with 249 the previous year.

The FBI report showed that 46,477 children were taken into custody for theft, as against 38,750 the previous year. Those who got in trouble with the authorities for auto theft totalled 18,672, compared with 14,621 the previous year.

Liquor law violations brought about the arrest of 5,728 juveniles, an increase of 1,525 over the previous year. In addition drunken driving resulted in 631 teen-age arrests, gambling 516, and drunkenness 6,489. The latter figure was a rise of almost 20 per cent over teen-age drunkenness arrests in 1955.

The report noted one reduction in juvenile delinquency. It said 155 teen-age girls were arrested for prostitution in 1956, compared with 221 in 1955. Other sex offenses however, resulted in the arrest of 3,038 teen-agers in 1956, as against 2,774 in 1955.

There were 581 teen-age arrests on charges of forgery or counterfeiting, while 311 were booked for embezzlement or fraud.

Disorderly conduct, the charge which embraces most teen-age "pranks," resulted in 25,444 arrests or only a little more than 10 per cent of all juvenile detentions.

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Protestants Form National Decent Literature Council

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Formation of a Churchmen's Council for Decent Literature was announced here following a conference attended by representatives of more than twenty Protestant denominations (*Action*, May 1). They met to consider a cooperative national effort to stem the flood of pornographic magazines on newsstands.

O. K. Armstrong of Springfield, Mo., prominent Baptist layman, and a member of the editorial staff of the *Reader's Digest*, was named chairman of the national advisory committee which will lay plans for a permanent organization to co-ordinate Protestant effort in the field.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Washington, D. C., secretary of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, was named secretary-treasurer.

The national advisory committee will comprise fifteen members. Five of these are to be chosen by denominations affiliated with the National Council of Churches, five by denominations affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals, and five represent denominations, such as the Southern Baptist Convention, Seventh-day Adventists and the Christian Science church, not affiliated with either.

"In this way we hope to make the advisory group fully representative of all interested Protestant groups," Mr. Armstrong said.

Protestant leaders who attended the organized meeting here heard Rep. John Dowdy (D.—Tex.) describe the results of the special Congressional investigation into pornography which his committee conducted last year. He appealed to the churchmen for support and remedial legislation, pointing to the need to close loopholes in existing postal legislation and to strengthen penalties for repeating offenders.

Mr. Dowdy also warned of the possibility of an adverse decision by the U. S. Supreme Court which is presently considering appeals that might invalidate state and federal laws against obscenity in the mails. He said emergency action may be required by Congress to re-define "obscenity" if the language of the present law is deemed too vague by the Court.

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Great Lakes Region Evangelicals Active

DETROIT, Mich.—The Great Lakes Region, National Association of Evangelicals, reports evangelical progress in many areas. The Cleveland Evangelical Ministers Fellowship recently held a very successful city-wide Sunday School Convention. The convention, first of its kind, was held in Cedar Hill Baptist Church. Some of the featured speakers were, Dr. Clate A. Risley, NSSA Director, Dr. Beauchamp Vick and Rev. Wm. Burgess of Detroit.

A new Evangelical Ministers Fellowship has recently been organized in Toledo. An independent organization, it is designed to provide fellowship for the Bible-believing ministers of the city.

The Detroit Association of Evangelicals sponsored a downtown Good Friday service in Music Hall this year. Dr. H. H. Savage, former NAE President, and Rev. Roy Gustafson of Florida were the speakers. Special music was provided by the Detroit Bible Institute Choir.

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Southern Presbyterians Stay in Church Councils

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The 97th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) voted here to retain its membership in the World and the National Council of Churches.

The action followed a long and sometimes heated debate before some 425 commissioners (delegates) representing more than 850,000 Presbyterians from sixteen southern states.

Continued affiliation with the two bodies was recommended by a majority report of the denomination's stand-

Dr. Joseph Garrison of Greensboro, N.C., who presented the report, said the "charges" against the two councils considered by the committee could not be "documented."

Some of the charges, voiced by a vigorous minority within the denomination are that the National Council is seeking to establish a "super-church" imbued with radical economic, social, racial and political opinions. The minority group has periodically demanded that the Southern Presbyterian Church withdraw from the interdenominational agency.

An overture to "explore" the possibility of merger with the Reformed Church in America was referred by the commissioners (delegates) to the denomination's standing committee on inter-church relations for study and report next year. The Southern Presbyterian Church has a membership of nearly 833,000 and the Reformed body a constituency of somewhat more than 200,000.

Membership in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. reached an all-time high of 832,932 in 1956, Dr. E. C. Scott, stated clerk, reported. Of this total, he said, 829,576 are communicant members and 3,356 ministers.

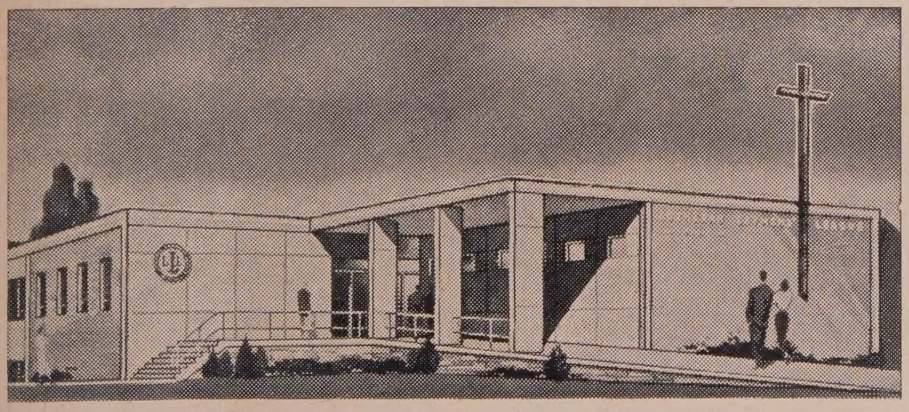
Giving last year by Southern Presbyterians also broke all records, totalling $73,904,601, roughly about $8,000,000 more than the previous year, Dr. Scott stated. The breakdown in this category, he said, was $56,009,259 in current expense contributions, and $17,895,342 in benevolence contributions.

Dr. William M. Elliott, Jr., pastor of Highland Park church, Dallas, Tex., was elected the new moderator. He succeeds Dr. William Taliaferro Thompson, retiring professor at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

The delegates selected Charlotte, N.C., as the site for the 1958 General Assembly sessions.

Brethren in Christ to Hold Ohio Conference

WEST MILTON, O.—The Brethren in Christ will hold their Eighty-seventh Annual Conference at the Memorial Holiness Camp Grounds near West Milton, June 12-17, 1957 under



NEW HOME FOR LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

Lutherans will spend $400,000 for a new St. Louis headquarters building for the Lutheran Laymen's League. There are 90,000 individual members in this Christian service organization. The two-story building will be constructed on a 227x250 foot lot which the League owns on Hampton Avenue in midtown St. Louis. In addition to offices and mailing room facilities, the 18,000 square feet of space will double as a recording studio for The Lutheran Hour and The Family Worship Hour, two of the League's projects. The seventy-five employees and eight staff members now occupy rented quarters in Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

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Llate news at press time

● BILLY GRAHAM'S New York Crusade opened in Madison Square Garden May 15 with over 18,000 in attendance. The evangelist spoke for 45 minutes on "The Christian Answer to the World Dilemma," using Isaiah 1:1-20 as his text. Hundreds accepted Christ. Large audiences and good responses to the invitation of the Gospel continue to mark all meetings.

● UNIVERSALIST CHURCHES across the country on May 19 turned their pulpits over to Moslems or heard sermons by their regular pastors on "The Cultural Contributions of Islam to a Better World."

● ALCOHOL CAUSED six out of every ten arrests in the USA during the past year. FBI "Uniform Crime Reports" collected from police departments in 2,475 cities with a population of 2,500 or more, reveal that 1,231,578 arrests resulted directly from alcoholic beverages.

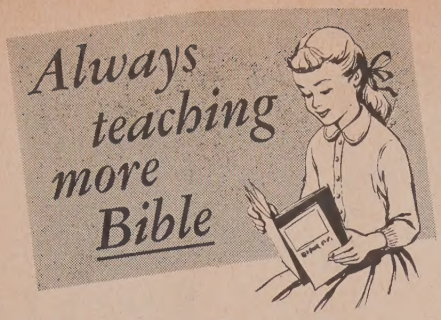
● RELIGIOUS BROADCASTS on a paid basis have been banned from Radio Station WGY, Schenectady, N. Y. Billy Graham's Hour of Decision, The Lutheran Hour, Word of Life, Bible Study Hour and other evangelical broadcasts have been eliminated.

● RADIO MONTE CARLO has moved to boycott all religious broadcasts between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. This is in keeping with a similar action by Radio Luxembourg and has the effect of virtually banning all religious broadcasting. Both of these stations were heavily patronized by evangelical broadcasters.

● UNITED PRESBYTERIANS have completed their vote by local presbyteries on the merger with the Presbyterian Church in the USA. Although the vote was close it is evident that the General Assembly, meeting in New Concord, Ohio, June 12-17, will enact the merger.

● MINNEAPOLIS will be the permanent headquarters of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The BGEA has purchased the former Standard Oil Company building there. The recently-opened Washington office of the Association has been closed.

● THE RSV APOCRYPHA will appear September 30 on the fifth anniversary of the NCC's Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The translation was undertaken upon the request of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The procedure was similar to that followed in the preparation of the Old and New Testaments.



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the moderatorship of Bishop Charlie B. Byers, of Chambersburg, Pa. Bishop H. H. Brubaker of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada is the General Conference secretary.

This promises to be one of the most important conferences the church has held for many years. The administrative pattern of the church will be changed from a district to a conference area type with six conference areas each presided over by a bishop. The six conference areas will cover the church's work in the United States and Canada. The over-all plan calls for a larger measure of congregational responsibility with the pastor as the key man on the local level.

The mission interests of the church will be featured by reports of home and foreign field activities. Jonathan Muleya, an African from the Rhodesian field will participate. Sam Wolgemuth, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, and Roy V. Sider, Canadian member of the Home Mission Board, will present addresses.

The various Boards and Commissions will report on their past year's activities and present plans for the future.

Dr. H. S. Bender, of Goshen College, who recently visited Russia in Mennonite interests, will address the Conference on the subject, "A Glimpse of Russia."

The General Conference Sermon will be given by Bishop Luke L. Keefer.

Assemblies of God to Convene in Cleveland

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The General Council of the Assemblies of God will have its next biennial session at Cleveland, Ohio. The meetings will be in the Cleveland Public Auditorium over Labor Day week end, beginning the night of August 28 and continuing through September 3. There will be a short devotional service each morning and afternoon, followed by business, with an evangelistic rally each night. Twelve executive presbyters to head the denomination for the next two years will be elected during the General Council.

World Lutheran Leaders To Meet in Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — (RNS) — Lutheran leaders from many countries will gather here Aug. 15-25 for the Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation.

The assembly will be the first world conclave of Lutherans in this country since the federation was first organized at Eisenach, Germany, in 1923. It was then known as the Lutheran World Convention.

Attending the assembly will be representatives of some 50 million Lutherans from 57 member Churches in 29 countries.

Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, Germany, president of the LWF, will preside and give the keynote address.

The National Lutheran Council will be host to the 11-day meeting. Its theme will be "Christ Frees and Unites."

Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary of the LWF, said the assembly is expected to make a major contribution to theological discussions on Christian unity. He said delegates will consider the relationship of Lutheran Churches with each other and with other Church bodies, especially those which are in the World Council of Churches.

Mission Covenanters Meet in Minneapolis

CHICAGO.—"Advancing with Christ in Education," will be the theme of the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America, which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 18-23.

Rev. A. Eldon Palmquist, pastor of the Edina Covenant Church, Minneapolis, will be the host pastor. Rev. C. Victor Nyquist, pastor of the First Covenant Church of Los Angeles will serve as the conference moderator.

This is the 18th time that the Mission Covenant Church has chosen the Twin Cities as the meeting place for their annual conferences. The sessions will be held in the First Covenant Church, where Dr. Paul S. Rees is the pastor. More than 500 delegates are expected from the 522 Covenant Churches in the United States and Canada.

A new constitution for the Covenant Church is one of the major items to be considered by this convention.

Augustana Lutherans See Membership Gain

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—(RNS)—Baptized membership of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church totalled 557,404 in 1956, an increase of 20,518 over the previous year, it was reported here by Dr. Emeroy Johnson

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of St. Peter, Minn., Church statistician.

Sunday school enrollment increased by 5.1 per cent to a new high of 184,370, he said.

Total expenditure of the denomination's 1,229 congregations reached $25,071,689 last year. This was divided: $20,442,386 for local purposes and $4,629,303 for missions and benevolence.

Dr. Johnson said per capita contributions by church members were $53.78 for local purposes and $12.18 for missions and benevolences. In 1955 such contributions were $5.44 and $.40 respectively.

Conservative Baptists To Meet in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES.—Using the theme, "The Church Edifying Itself in Love" two thousand messengers and visitors from across the nation are expected to assemble June 19-25 in the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles, for the 14th Annual meeting of Conservative Baptists.

Dr. Arthur Whiting, Talbot Seminary, will bring the Bible Hour addresses. Inspirational speakers will include Dr. Merv Rosell, Dr. Pete Riggs, Dr. Monroe Parker, and Dr. John Hagai.

A special Sunday afternoon service will feature Redd Harper. With a strong emphasis on missions, the gathering will hear numerous returned missionaries of the Home and Foreign Societies as well as reports from various directors. The meeting will close with a great Missionary Pageant and Commissioning Service.

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Holiness Convention Has 1,500 Delegates

MINNEAPOLIS, — "Purification through a baptism of the Holy Spirit is the need of the Church today" stated Bishop J. Paul Taylor of the Free Methodist Church in a keynote address which opened the 89th Annual Convention of the National Holiness Association.

Over 1,500 delegates and members of affiliated denominations, auxiliary associations, educational institutions, and other cooperating bodies gathered at the Nicollet Hotel here.

Seven workshop sessions were held each morning. The areas of interest offered under the direction of competent leaders were: doctrine, education, evangelism, Sunday Schools, missions, youth, and visual aids. A summary session for each workshop area was conducted Friday afternoon under the leadership of the dean of workshops, Rev. George Failing of Marion, Indiana.

Dr. Myron F. Boyd, Winona Lake, Indiana, was re-elected to a fourth one-year term as president. Mr. Boyd, radio voice of the Free Methodist Light and Life Hour, in accepting the office said it would complete his term as president.

The National Offices will continue to be maintained in the Metropolitan Building in Minneapolis. The executive director, Dr. Paul L. Kindschi, was re-appointed for a fourth one-year

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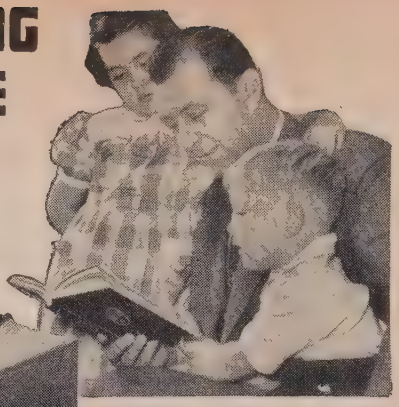

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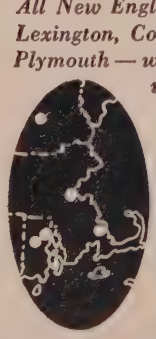

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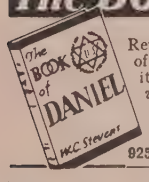

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Rev. Stanley D. Walters, brilliant young Free Methodist pastor now studying at Princeton, was announced winner of the 1957 NHA Pentecost Sermon Contest. Mr. Walters will receive $150 provided by the Light and Life Press, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Other winners are: Rev. Roy W. Howell, Spokane, Washington, second place, $100 given by the Higley Press, Butler, Indiana; Rev. George E. Bowen, Lisbon, Ohio, third place, $50 from the Benson Publishing Company, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Hotel Sherman in Chicago was selected as the site for the 90th annual convention. It will be held the week following Easter, April 8-11, 1958.

education

Hold Ground Breaking For New BIOLA Campus

LOS ANGELES.—The nearly half-century old Bible institute of Los Angeles, Inc., broke ground for the new BIOLA campus in La Mirada, May 26. It is in this fast growing Southern California section that the new BIOLA fifty acre site is located.

"After many months of praying, planning, and working, we eagerly await erection of needed facilities in La Mirada," so stated Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland, president. "Already more than one and one-half million dollars is on hand. The ground-breaking ceremonies are not for just one building, but rather for the entire campus," Dr. Sutherland continued.

Religious and civic leaders from across the nation, as well as from the Southern California area attended.

Architect for the campus is Mr. William C. Ullrich, A.I.A. Due to the fact that the Bible Institute is training more than 600 young people a year, it is impossible to move except during the summer months. For this reason, plans call for starting operations in La Mirada in September, 1958.

Graduate School in Israel To Open in September 1958

MINNEAPOLIS—Formation of a graduate theological school in Jerusalem, Israel, has been announced by Dr. G. Douglas Young of Israel-American Institute, Inc., located here. However, Dr. Young, who will be director of the Institute, indicates that the approval of the Israel Government is still pending.

The new school, the only American Biblical Studies Institute in Israel, is expected to begin in September 1958, with an all-American faculty. It is thought that the school will serve three important needs: (1) Provide a place in the lands of the Bible devoted to evangelical biblical study, where students may secure credits on the American seminary level and also do special work in Bible geography and archaeology; (2) give American theological students opportunity to investigate Middle Eastern history and current sociological problems; (3) bridge the gap in understanding which now exists between Jews and Christians.

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Joint Meeting ETS-ASA Slated for Wheaton Campus

CHICAGO—The second joint meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society and the American Scientific Affiliation will be held June 12-14 at Wheaton (Illinois) College, according to announcement by Chairman G. Douglas Young.

Following the pattern set at the last joint meeting of these groups two summers ago, there will be a balanced participation by representatives of

both societies, discussing such subjects as the age of the earth, the evolution of species and the extent of the Flood. Dr. George E. Ladd of Fuller Theological Seminary will address the Wednesday evening meeting on "History, Revelation, and the Bible," and Prof. Thomas H. Leith of Gordon College will speak on Thursday evening on "Problems of Relativity in Revelation."

Registrations are to be sent immediately to Dr. J. Barton Payne, 1726 West Berteau Avenue, Chicago 13, Illinois.

Institute of Linguistics Opens on Four Campuses

GLENDALE, Calif.—The Summer Institute of Linguistics here, in cooperation with the Wycliffe Bible Translators, is offering eleven weeks of intensive linguistic training for evangelical missionaries and missionary candidates. Courses will be conducted on four campuses: University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., June 17—August 30; University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. Dak., June 24—September 6; Briercrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Saskatchewan, Canada, June 17—August 30, and Turnours Hall Camp near London, England, July 8—September 20. The school in Australia is in session during the months of January, February and March.

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Evangelical Theologians Hold Regional Gathering

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Thirty-three theologians from seminaries and colleges of the Midwest assembled recently on the new campus of Covenant College and Theological Seminary in Suburban St. Louis to attend the second assembly of the Midwestern Section of the Evangelical Theological Society. The society, organized in 1949, now includes in its membership conservative theological scholars from every part of the country, and the meeting in St. Louis represented one of three regional groups of the national body.

The sessions were opened by the Chairman, Dr Gordon H. Clark, of Butler University, Indianapolis, who, with the Regional Secretary, Dr. Clarence Bass, Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, had been active in the program arrangements for the meeting. Elected to lead the Midwestern Section for the coming year were two St. Louis men. Dr. R. Laird Harris from the host school, Covenant Theological Seminary, will serve as Chairman, and Dr. Frederick Danker, of Concordia Seminary, was elected Secretary.

The two-day sessions were occupied primarily with the reading of learned papers, both theological and philosophical, prepared by members of the Society.

It was announced that the next sessions of the Evangelical Theological Society would be held in conjunction with the meeting of the American Scientific Affiliation on the Wheaton College campus, June 12-14.

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Guatemala Protestants Mark 75th Anniversary

GUATEMALA CITY—(R N S)—An estimated 5,000 persons from over the country gathered here for week-long celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of the introduction of Protestantism into Guatemala.

The celebrations were organized by the Presbyterian Church's mission in Guatemala to commemorate the invitation issued in 1882 by President Justo Rufino Barrios to the Presbyterian Church in New York to send missionaries to his country. About 100 foreign visitors attended the celebrations.

According to Protestant sources here about 75,000 Guatemalans out of a total population of 3,200,000, belong to Protestant groups. The various bodies and their estimated memberships are: Presbyterians (20,000), Central American Mission (15,000), Society of Friends (15,000), Nazarenes (7,000), Methodists (3,000), Baptists (2,000), Lutherans (1,500), Assemblies of God (5,000), Pentecostals (5,000), and various small independent groups (5,000).

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Among those who will speak are such well-known Christian leaders as Dr. Bob Pierce, President of World Vision; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association; Dr. Myron F. Boyd, voice of the Light and Life world-wide radio broadcast; Dr. Paul Petticord, President of the National Association of Evangelicals; Dr. Cornelius Haggard, President of Pacific Bible College; Dr. James DeWeerd, who for a number of years was the speaker over the Cadle Tabernacle broadcast, and a long list of well-known missionaries.

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Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest

COLUMBUS, O.—Ellen L. Heacock, 17-year-old Denver (Colo.) high school junior, and Carolyn Ann Arnold, 21-year-old Dallas (Texas) secretary, won first prizes in the Christian Citizenship contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The contest this year was in two sections, one for young people in high school or elementary grades and the other for those out of high school.

Winners were chosen on the basis of their citizenship activities and their submission of a 1,000 word "Letter to My Congressman" or in the case of Canadian entrants, "Letter to My M. P." on the subject "I Speak for Christian Citizenship."

Miss Heacock and Miss Arnold each will receive $200 in cash and a trip to the Christian Citizenship Convocation to be held in Portland, Ore. July 8-13.

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Protestant Editors Oppose Vatican Envoy

PHILADELPHIA.—The Associated Church Press meeting here reaffirmed their opposition to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican. They said such relations would violate Church-State separation.

After taking this action they dismissed the ACP's Resolutions Committee. The adopted resolution was passed by a narrow margin. It was voted upon after the delegates had devoted a part of two sessions to a lively debate on whether a professional group should take a position on social, national and international issues.

The delegates also adopted a resolution calling upon the ACP to restore its former emphasis on Protestant Press Month in October. But it took no action on a proposal from the Evangelical Press Association that the two groups unite in this effort.

Peter Day of Milwaukee, executive editor of *The Living Church* (Episcopal), was elected ACP president.

Dr. Benjamin P. Browne of Philadelphia, editor of *The Baptist Leader*, was elected first vice-president and Dr. John McNab of Toronto, Can., editor of *The Presbyterian Record*, second vice-president. Dr. William B. Lipphard of New York, editor emeritus of *Missions Magazine* (American Baptist) was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

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Mennonites Choose Sixth World Conference Theme

KARLSRUHE, Germany—(RNS)—The sixth Mennonite World Conference to be held here Aug. 10-16 will have as its theme "The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the World."

Participants will include delegates from Indonesia, South America, India, France, Canada, Holland, Switzerland, Germany and the United States. Church officials expressed the hope that there would be representatives of the Mennonites in Russia.

Addresses, sectional meetings and discussion groups will consider the conference theme in relation to the Church's activities in missions, education, peace witness, youth and women's work.

Revival of Confession By Protestants Feared

BERLIN—(RNS)—The League of Reformed Churches in Germany criticized what it said is a movement inside the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) toward a general revival of individual confession of sins.

A statement issued by the moderamen, or top management body, of the league, said "we must warn against the false view that the confession of sins to a preacher or another brother necessarily brings forth absolution by virtue of the confession itself or by virtue of a supernatural authority of the preacher."

The Evangelical Church in Germany comprises Lutheran, Reformed and United Churches, the latter consisting of Lutheran and Reformed bodies. The Reformed League represents about 450,000 believers and embraces most of the country's Reformed parishes.

The moderamen said it did not question the need for increased spiritual care "from person to person," but warned against the word "confession."

"With this word," it said, "people invariably associate the idea of a confession of sins before a 'priest' which is bound to certain specific forms."

Scotch Presbyterians Fight Naming Bishops

EDINBURGH, Scotland.—The biggest religious storm in Scotland for centuries became a possibility last April 30 when a proposal was entertained to introduce the office of bishops into the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The Proposal to have Bishops was contained in a report by repre-

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sentatives of the Churches of England and Scotland. They had held a series of meetings aimed at achieving closer unity between the Episcopalian and Presbyterian Churches.

Their main findings were:

(1) The Presbyterian Church should have Bishops chosen by each presbytery (church district) with a permanent Bishop-in-Presbytery taking the place of the present Moderator of the Church of Scotland. The Moderator currently is chosen annually to hold office for one year.

(2) The Church of England, for its part, would institute an office akin

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World Conferences To Start in October

BOSTON—A series of conferences on World Evangelism, under auspices of World Evangelical Fellowship, will start in October this year and continue through late spring 1958, according to announcement by Dr. J. Elwin Wright, secretary of NAE's Commission for World Evangelical Fellowship. Verle D. Nietzel of Muscatine, Iowa, will function as Associate Executive Secretary for these conferences. Rev. Neil C. Macaulay of Boca Raton, Florida, will serve as Field Secretary. Mr. Macaulay, widely known as a successful evangelist and broadcaster with a world-wide ministry, will be assisted by Mrs. Macaulay. Both are talented musicians.

These leaders and Dr. Wright as executive secretary will offer their services to churches desiring to step up their interest in world evangelism through such conferences. The conferences will be sponsored by the local churches.

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Robert Walker, editor of *Christian Life,* is scheduled to address Christian Writers' Association of Canada at its fourth annual convention in Toronto Bible College in October.

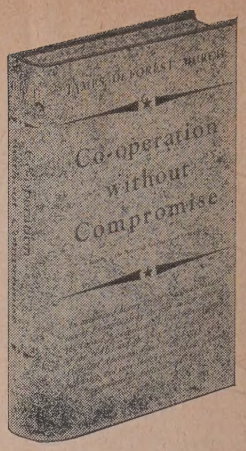
Byron Cecil Lambert has been appointed associate professor in English at Milligan College, Tenn., according to announcement by President Dean E. Walker.

Cecil B. DeMille, famed producer-director at Paramount Studios, has accepted the invitation of Dr. William R. White, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, to deliver the convocation address there on Saturday, October 12, as a highlight of Baylor's "Conference of American Ideals." At that time Mr. DeMille will be given an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Levon Melkonian, a native of Cyprus, has been sent by The Navigators as a representative to India. A graduate of Bob Jones University, Mr. Melkonian received training at Glen Eyrie, Navigator headquarters in Colorado Springs.

George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East since 1939 for the Southern Baptist Foreign Missionary Board, has announced that he will retire at the end of this year. He will be succeeded by Dr. Cornell Goerner, professor of comparative religions and missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri, was Commencement speaker at Northern Baptist Seminary this year.



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